

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2176

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE O'CONNOR.

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TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 393.160, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to utility metering.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 393.160, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 393.160, to read as follows:

393.160. 1. The commission may appoint inspectors of gas and water meters, whose duty it shall be, when required by the commission upon the commission's own initiative or upon request of a corporation or person furnishing, setting, or putting in use any gas or water meter, to inspect, examine, prove and ascertain the accuracy of any gas and water meters used or intended to be used for measuring or ascertaining the quantity of gas for light, heat or power, or the quantity of water, furnished by any person or corporation to or for the use of any person or persons.

2. No corporation or person shall furnish, set or put in use any gas or water meter which shall not have been inspected in accordance with rules promulgated by the commission.

3. The commission may appoint inspectors of electric meters, whose duty it shall be, when required by the commission upon the commission's own initiative or upon request of a corporation or person furnishing, setting, or putting in use any electric meter, to inspect, examine and ascertain the accuracy of any and all electric meters used or intended to be used for measuring and ascertaining the quantity of electric current used for light, heat or power by any person or corporation to or for the use of any person or corporation, and to inspect, examine and ascertain the accuracy of all apparatus for testing and proving the accuracy of electric meters. No corporation or person shall furnish, set or put in use any electric meter the type of which shall not have been approved by the commission.

19 4. Every gas corporation, electrical corporation or water corporation shall provide, repair
20 and maintain such suitable premises and apparatus and facilities as may be required and
21 approved by the commission for testing and proving the accuracy of gas, water and electric
22 meters furnished for use by it, and by which apparatus every meter may be tested.

23 5. If any consumer to whom a meter has been furnished shall request the commission in
24 writing to inspect such meter, the commission shall have the same inspected and tested; if the
25 same upon being so tested shall be found to be more than four percent if an electric meter, more
26 than two percent if a gas meter, or more than five percent if a water meter, defective or incorrect
27 to the prejudice of the consumer, the expense of such inspection and test shall be borne by the
28 corporation; if the same on being so tested shall be found to be correct within the limits of error
29 prescribed by the provisions of this subsection, the expense of such inspection and test shall be
30 borne by the consumer.

31 6. The commission may prescribe such rules and regulations to carry into effect the
32 provisions of this section as it may deem necessary, and shall fix uniform reasonable charges for
33 the inspection and testing of meters upon complaint.

34 **7. A water corporation shall have no duty to provide a water meter for a domestic**
35 **water supply service that is designed or rated by the manufacturer for fire flows such as**
36 **those that may be anticipated with fire sprinklers at the premises unless:**

37 **(1) A meter designed or rated for fire flows is specifically requested in writing by**
38 **the owner or customer;**

39 **(2) All piping, meter boxes, and valves designed to accommodate both proper**
40 **metering of domestic supply and unobstructed fire flows is made available by the**
41 **customer; and**

42 **(3) Proper charges are paid by the customer for installation, maintenance, and use**
43 **of the meter or meters that are designed to facilitate metering of domestic supply at the**
44 **required degree of accuracy and that are designed or rated for fire flows, which charges**
45 **shall be pursuant to tariffs filed with the commission.**